



## Respectful, Resourceful, Resilient

A creative approach to learning where all pupils can succeed

# Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September

This week's attendance was: 97.40%

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled into school beautifully and are clearly demonstrating our school values, both inside and outside the classroom. Our focused School value this half term is 'resilience', which the children will be exploring in the weekly assemblies. Staff will be looking for children who are demonstrating resilience to award our value certificate alongside our Star Learner certificate in the weekly



celebration assemblies which are now on Friday afternoons. Our high expectations for behaviour and learning are already evident in both classes and the children are showing a great enthusiasm, willingness to learn and practise new things which have earned them lots of stickers for their sticker books already!



We were excited to warmly welcome parents and wider community back to school today for the first celebration assembly of the year. We also announced our new School Leadership team, following a wide range of applications from children in Year 2 to Year 6. We hope that the new school groups will continue to develop and flourish in their roles as

School Council/Ethos, Sports Leaders, Librarians and Wildlife Champions. Their first meetings will take place next week.

During the summer holidays, Mrs Simmons was successful in securing a new role within the Trust. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and devotion she has shown over the years to the children, parents, staff and community at Boasley Cross. We would all like to wish her the very best in her new role. As her new role was secured during the summer holidays, we would like to have the opportunity to say a 'proper' goodbye to her at school. A date will be confirmed shortly.





On Thursday this week, our Year 6 children and parents were informed about the exciting news of a planned residential trip to France in the summer term next year. We hope that all our parents will be able to attend the parents meeting being run for all Moorland Hub primary school parents at Boasley Cross on

Tuesday 4th October at 3:45pm.

We have a wide range of After School Clubs on offer this term for children from Year 1 to 6. If you would like your child to participate in any of these clubs, please give consent through School



Gateway and let the school office know. If for any reason you child is unable to attend a session, please do let us know so we can amend the registers for that day.

Diary Dates	Dates for your diary for this term
Tuesday 27th September	Year 6 Junior Life Skills at Parklands at 9:30am
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential Meeting at Boasley Cross 3:45pm for all Moorland Hub Schools
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Forum at 3pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening - Time slots will be available for booking through Arbor by the end of September
Friday 21st October	Last day of the half term
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents Forum at 5pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Pantomime 'Robin Hood' at Northcott Theatre
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term

#### School Christmas Performance

We are planning to put on our own School Christmas play this term. We hope to have dates and times to share with you in next week's newsletter!

Just to remind everyone that school will be closed on Monday  $19^{th}$  September for Her Majesty's funeral. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday  $20^{th}$  September.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Cook



### Our Star Learners this week



Tilly for her attitude and contribution to whole class learning. Tilly you are an inspiration and a true active learner.

Henrietta for the independence she has shown in all her learning tasks this week.

## Our School Value Certificates this week 'Resilience'



Olivia has shown great resilience this week as she persevered with her learning.



Eleanor, Maddie, Alice and Isla have all shown fantastic resilience in their transition to KS2. We have been blown away by the respect you have all shown to our class routines and agreements.



Remember to book your child's school meals. Week beginning 19th September: Autumn Menu Week 3

#### MESSAGE FROM DMAT & OCRA:

Having monitored the developments over the weekend regarding the period of mourning and the Queens funeral, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone the Okehampton Community & Craft Fayre due to take place on Saturday 17th September as a mark of respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience but having received communication from a number of exhibitors we are aware that, for some people, priorities have now changed.

Mindful that the Community Fayre is an important opportunity to highlight support groups and activities within the local community, we have rescheduled this event which will now take place on **Saturday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **April 2023.** 

We express our deepest sympathy for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and our thoughts are with the Royal family at this time.

## School Diary

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Monday 19th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 20th	Netball after school club 3-4pm
Wednesday 21st	Martial Arts after school club 3-4pm Kodaly Music & Movement after school club 3-4pm
Thursday 22nd	Tag Rugby after school club 3-4pm Whole School PE with Mr Pugh
Friday 23rd	Book & Biscuit / Celebration Assembly 2.20pm



Tues 27<sup>th</sup> September Y6 Junior Life Skills Parklands, Okehampton 9.30-12.15pm

• Tues 4<sup>th</sup> October Y6 Moorland Hub Residential meeting Boasley Cross 3.45pm

• Tues 11<sup>th</sup> October Parents Forum 3pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October Parents Evening - booking through Arbor

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October Half term

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October All children return

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> November Tempest individual & family photos

• Tues 29th November Whole School Flu Immunisation programme

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> December Parents Forum 5pm

• Thurs 15th December 'Robin Hood' Pantomime Northcott Theatre

• Fri 16<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term

### School Leadership Groups

The children here at Boasley Cross have been busy writing letters to the staff to apply for different positions within our School Leadership Groups. Next week, we will be announcing positions and will be taking photographs so that we can update our School Leadership board in our lobby area.

Thank you to all of those children who have carefully considered why they would like to be part of either our Librarian, School Council, Sports Leader or Wildlife Champion groups here at Boasley Cross, we have been very impressed with your applications!

#### French trip for Year 6 Pupils

We are delighted to announce the details of our Year 6 residential next year to Normandy in France. We have secured funding to take all Year 6 pupils from Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust Primary Schools in the summer term. Following a rigorous and competitive application process, Mrs Jordan (Trust French Lead) and Mrs Underwood (Trust Executive Principal) received the news that all travel, accommodation and visit costs for 230 pupils and 50 staff will be covered by the government's Turing Scheme funding.

Year 6 pupils will deepen their knowledge of History, RE, Art and PSHE through a range of inspirational visits including the Bayeux tapestry, Mont St Michel, the D-Day landing beaches and the magnificent new British Normandy Memorial. Pupils will of course also further develop their confidence to speak French through a shopping challenge



at a market, as well as visits to partner schools in Normandy. This residential will also enable Year 6 pupils across the Trust to unite and develop friendships in preparation for secondary school.

There are meetings planned for Y6 parents and pupils in all schools this half term. If parents are unable to make the date and time of the meeting, please let us know as you may be able to join a meeting at another school. Please check the calendar at the end of this newsletter for the date/ time of our meeting.

The Turing Scheme is the UK's global programme offering opportunities in education and training across the world and enabling pupils to develop new skills and gain international experience. This year, the Turing Scheme received 513 applications, a significant increase on last year. Whilst most applications from universities were successful, Dartmoor MAT was one of only 4 schools in the South West which was awarded a grant through this highly competitive application process.

Friends of Boasley Cross Primary School (FOBCS) will be holding their AGM at the Clovelly Inn at 8pm on Monday September the 26th.

All are welcome! We will be making plans for the forthcoming year and your opinions are valued.

We are a friendly bunch and typically enjoy a drink, a natter and perhaps a few snacks as we meet. Hope to see you there.

# **FOBCS** sponsored walk!

Saturday the 24th September at 2pm.

Join us at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall to walk the Packhorse Trail and raise funds for Boasley Cross Primary School.

Teas/coffees and cake available at the parish hall after our walk.



- Sponsorship form will be sent home from school with your child.
- The Packhorse trail is about 2 miles; walk will start and finish at Bratton Clovelly Parish Hall (EX20 4JT).
- Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.
- FOBCS members will help guide round the route, however parents and carers are responsible for the children in their care.



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